

CHICAGO DEMOCRAT--EXTRA.

CHICAGO, MARCH 25, 1835.

AN ACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, OF THE ILLINOIS AND MICHIGAN CANAL.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted, by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:*—That the Governor of this State be, and he is hereby authorised and empowered to negotiate a Loan, solely on the pledge of the Canal Lands and tolls, as hereinafter provided, for the purpose of raising, in connection with such other means as may be hereafter received from the Government of the U. States, in the construction of the Illinois and Michigan Canal, a sum of money not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars, which shall be required to be paid at such times, by instalments as the same may be needed, in the progress of the said work, as near as the same can be estimated.

Sec. 2. The Governor shall cause to be constituted certificates of Stock for the said loan to be called the "Illinois and Michigan Canal Stock," signed by the Auditor, and countersigned by the Treasurer bearing an interest not exceeding five per cent per annum, payable semi-annually at Vandalia, or at some bank in the city of New-York, or either, as may be agreed upon, and reimbursable as the pleasure of the State, at any time after the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

Sec. 3. The Governor shall take and use all proper means and measures for the transferring of the said stock.

Sec. 4. It shall be deemed a good execution of the said power to borrow, for the Governor to cause the said certificates of Stock, when created, to be said: *Provided*, that the said stock shall not in any case be sold for less than its par value.

Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of the Governor to cause the said monies from time to time when paid or advanced, to be deposited in some safe bank or banks until wanted for use, at the best interest that can be obtained for it, to be drawn out as hereinafter provided, taking therefor the proper securities for the safe keeping of the same.

Sec. 6. The monies thus loaned the premiums arising from the sale of any stock thus created, the proceeds of the Canal lands and Town lots, and all of the monies in any way arising from the contemplated canal, shall constitute the "Canal Fund," and shall be used for canal purposes, and for no other whatever until the said canal shall have been completed: *Provided*, that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to prevent appropriations from being made, out of the said fund, for the semi-annual payment of the interest upon the canal stock herein authorized to be created, and the Governor is hereby authorized to cause the said interest to be paid out of the said fund.

Sec. 7. That the revenue arising from the Illinois and Michigan Canal, and from the lands granted or that may hereafter be granted to the State of Illinois by the Congress of the United States for the construction of the said canal, and the nett tolls thereof, are hereby pledged for the payment of the interest accruing on the stock that may be created in pursuance of this act, and for the reimbursement of the principal of the same.

Sec. 8. *The Governor of this State*, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint five practical, skillful persons to constitute a board, to be known under the style and description of "The Board of Commissioners of the Illinois and Michigan Canal," and he shall designate one of such commissioners to be President thereof, one to be Treasurer, and one to be Acting Commissioner; and the Governor shall fill such vacancies as may occur in the Board, during the recess of the Legislature.

Sec. 9. The Governor shall have power to remove from office any canal commissioner, at his discretion.

Sec. 10. The acting commissioner shall be allowed a salary of twelve hundred dollars per annum, and the rest of the Board shall each be allowed a compensation of three dollars per day while necessarily employed in the business of the canal.

Sec. 11. The said Board of commissioners is hereby constituted a body politic and corpo-

rate, with full power and authority in their corporate name to contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, defend and be defended, plead and be pleaded, in all the matters and things relating to them as canal commissioners; and they shall have and use a common seal of such device as the Governor may direct.

Sec. 12. The Board shall appoint a Secretary, whose duty it shall be to keep a true record of all their proceedings. They shall hold quarterly meetings, and special meetings whenever two of them, or the acting commissioner may desire it, and any three of them shall constitute a quorum to do business.

Sec. 13. Before entering upon the duties of their office, each of the said commissioners shall make oath or affirmation, faithfully, honestly, and truly to execute and discharge all the duties and obligations herein imposed upon them, and each of them as canal commissioners and they shall severally give bonds to the Governor, in the sum of ten thousand dollars with sufficient sureties, for the faithful discharge of the duties imposed upon them by this act, *Provided*, that the Governor may at any time require additional bonds of the said Treasurer, whenever he may think that the safety of the funds requires it.

Sec. 14. Whenever all or any part of the money upon any contract shall become due, it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to draw his warrant or check therefor, in favor of the contractor, upon the Bank or Banks in which the canal fund shall have been deposited, which warrant or check shall be countersigned by the acting commissioner, and shall be under the seal of the Board.

Sec. 15. It shall be the duty of the acting commissioner, to obtain from the Cashier of the Bank or Banks in which the said fund shall have been deposited, a quarterly report, exhibiting a true account of all moneys received in deposit on account of the canal fund and paid out of the said fund during the previous quarter, which report shall be laid before the Board of Canal Commissioners, and within twenty days thereafter shall be examined by the said board and compared with the accounts of the Treasurer, and an entry shall be made in the books of the said board, that the said examination has been made by them and that the two accounts correspond, if such be the case, and each commissioner present shall sign his name to the record of such examination.

Sec. 16. It shall be the duty of the acting commissioner, 1st. To make, under the direction of the board all necessary contracts for the supply of materials and the performance of labor.

2d. To enquire into the official conduct of the agents, clerks, superintendents and all subordinate officers, and to receive and hear all complaints that may be preferred against them. 3d. To enforce the faithful execution by all persons concerned, of the duties and obligations imposed upon them by this act. 4th. To examine frequently and carefully into the state of the canal, and the progress of the works thereon. 5th. To have the immediate care and superintendence of the canal and all matters relating thereto.

Sec. 17. The said canal shall not be less than forty-five feet wide at the surface, thirty feet at the base and of sufficient depth to insure a navigation of at least four feet, to be suitable for ordinary canal boat navigation, to be supplied with water from Lake Michigan and such other sources as the canal commissioners may think proper, and to be constructed in the manner best calculated to promote the permanent interest of the country.

Sec. 18. They shall take efficient and proper measures for the immediate construction of the said canal, shall put such parts of it as they may deem proper, under contract as herein provided, and shall have the general care and superintendence thereof.

Sec. 19. They shall inspect and examine into the accounts, books, state of the treasurer and all of the proceedings of the Treasurer and of the Acting Commissioner.

Sec. 20. They shall furnish the acting commissioner with all proper means and facilities that may be necessary to enable him to discharge the duties herein imposed upon him.

Sec. 21. They shall have full power and authority, in their good judgment to do in relation to the construction and completion of the said canal, all things not otherwise herein expressly provided for.

Sec. 22. It shall be lawful for them to enter upon and use any lands, water, streams and materials of any description necessary for the prosecution of the works contemplated by this act.

Sec. 23. They may employ such and so many agents, engineers, surveyors, draftsmen and other persons as they may judge necessary to enable them to discharge their duties as commissioners, and may pay such compensation as they shall judge reasonable to each person so employed.

Sec. 24. Public notice shall be given of the time and place, at which proposals will be received for entering into contracts; which notice shall be previously published for at least six weeks in the newspaper printed at Chicago, and in such other papers; either in this state or elsewhere, as may be deemed proper.

Sec. 25. Proposals for contracts shall be sealed, and shall be for a sum definite and certain, as to the price to be paid or received, and shall be accompanied with good and sufficient security, for the faithful performance of such contract.

Sec. 26. The commissioners shall not enter into any contract for the supply of materials or the performance of labor without previously taking satisfactory security for the faithful performance of such contract, according to its terms.

Sec. 27. The Board may if they think the interest of the state requires it, retain one half of the amount due upon any contract, until the contract shall have been completed at which time all arrearages shall be paid up; and in no case shall more than three fourths of the amount due upon any contract be paid until the work shall have been completed.

Sec. 28. All contracts concerning the contemplated canal, shall be made in writing, under the seal of the board, and of each contract three copies shall be executed by the parties one of which shall be retained by the board, and one shall be immediately forwarded to the Auditor of Public Accounts, and by him filed in his office.

Sec. 29. All materials procured or partially procured under a contract with the commissioners, shall be exempt from execution, but it shall be the duty of the commissioners to pay the money due for such materials to the judgment creditor of the contractor, under whose execution such materials might have been sold, upon his producing to them due proof that his execution would have so attached, and such payment shall be held a valid payment on the contract.

Sec. 30. In case of the death of any canal contractor, who shall at the time of his decease be indebted to any laborers for work done on the canal, it shall be lawful for the board if they think proper, to pay such laborers out of any money that may be due to the deceased contractor; and the receipt of such laborers shall be a good voucher in offset to the sum due to the deceased contractor from the board on the final settlement between them and his executors and administrators. *Provided*, that the said person shall first obtain a judgment against the administrator of such deceased contractor, and produce a certificate from the court that the said judgment was rendered for work done on the canal, or for materials furnished therefor and for no other cause.

Sec. 31. The board shall from time to time, make such rules and regulations not inconsistent with the laws of this state, in respect to the persons employed about the canal, injury done to the said canal or locks, and the management and navigation of the same; and impose such forfeitures of money for the breach of such rules and regulations as they may judge reasonable; but no forfeiture imposed, shall for a single offence exceed the sum of fifty dollars, over and above the amount of actual damage done.

Sec. 32. They shall cause a sufficient number of such rules and regulations to be posted up for public inspection, and shall transmit a copy

of them from time to time, to the Governor as they may be made, in their next quarterly and annual reports.

Sec. 33. All rules, and regulations and forfeitures, established by them as aforesaid, shall be filed in the office of the Auditor, and a copy thereof certified by him under his hand and seal of office, shall be received in all courts of law as due proof that such rules, regulations and forfeitures, were by them established.

Sec. 34. The commissioners shall examine the whole canal route, and select such places thereon as may be eligible for Town sites, and cause the same to be laid off into town lots, and they shall cause the canal lands in or near Chicago, suitable therefor, to be laid off into town lots.

Sec. 35. They may from time to time, proceed to sell such portions of the town lots on the canal route, as may be necessary to pay the interest, that may be due upon the loan herein authorized to be created, deducting therefrom, the premiums that may arise from the sale of canal stock; *Provided*, That none of the said canal lots shall be sold for the next five years, unless the Governor and a majority of the Board of Canal Commissioners, shall decide that it will be for the interest of the canal to do so; and if they shall determine not to sell, then the Governor shall cause the interest on the said loan, as it becomes due, to be paid out of the canal fund as required in the sixth section of this act.

Sec. 36. Public notice of all sales of canal lots or lands, shall be given in such newspapers, (not less than three in number) either in this or in other States, as the Board may think best, at least six weeks prior to any sale.

Sec. 37. All lots shall be appraised prior to the sale thereof, and shall be sold at public auction for cash; but they shall not in any case be sold for less than the appraised value thereof.

Sec. 38. In all sales of canal lots, the Secretary and Treasurer, shall act as auctioneer and Receiver, and shall be governed by the same rules that now govern the Registers and Receivers in the United States land offices in this state, except as herein provided.

Sec. 39. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer, upon the payment of the purchase money, to grant to the purchaser or purchasers, a certificate containing a description of the land or lots purchased, and the price for which the same was sold, and shall forward a duplicate of such certificate to the Auditor of the state who shall record the same; and the persons holding such a certificate, shall upon presenting the same to the Governor, receive a patent for the land described therein, signed by the Governor and countersigned by the Secretary of State, with the seal of the State affixed thereto.

Sec. 40. All moneys paid to the Treasurer for the purchase of any canal lands or lots, shall be by him immediately deposited in some bank, under the direction of the Governor, for the payment of the interest on the said loan.

Sec. 41. None of the board of canal commissioners shall be allowed to purchase any of the canal lands or lots herein authorized to be sold, nor shall they or either of them, in any way, either directly or indirectly, be concerned in any such purchase, or have any manner of interest therein; and all sales which said commissioners or any of them shall be in any way interested, shall be absolutely null and void; the purchase money shall be forfeited, and the land shall revert to the canal fund. Any commissioner guilty of a violation of the provisions of this section, shall be deemed to have perpetrated a fraud, and upon indictment and conviction thereof in any court having competent jurisdiction, shall be punished by forfeiture of his office, and fined in a sum not less than one thousand nor more than five thousand dollars; *Provided*, That no prosecution for such offense shall be commenced within ten years after the commission of the same.

Sec. 42. If any two or more persons, shall combine themselves together for the purpose of lessening competition at the sale of any of the canal lands or lots, or if they shall agree or have any understanding among themselves, that they will not bid upon one another at any such sale, for the purpose of obtaining the said canal lands or lots at a low price, the same shall be deemed a fraud; and any person or persons convicted thereof in any court having competent jurisdiction, shall be fined in a sum not less than one hundred nor more than one thousand dollars; one moiety thereof to be used for the canal fund; and the other moiety to the person informing, and any patent issued for any lands or lots purchased as aforesaid, shall be absolutely null and void; the money paid therefor shall be forfeited, and the lands or lots so purchased, shall revert

to the canal fund. And it is hereby declared to be the duty of the State's Attorney, to prosecute for all such offenses; *Provided*, That all such prosecutions shall be commenced within ten years after the commission of the offense.

Sec. 43. The board of commissioners shall quarterly, viz. on the first Monday of March, June, September and December in each year, make minute and particular report to the Governor, which report shall set forth in a plain and intelligible manner, all of their acts and doings in relation to the said canal and canal lands and lots; all the money received and expended; the work done; and the price received for the various kinds of work, the contracts made, with whom made, and the security given; the number of engineers, draftsmen, clerks and agents of every description employed by them, and the amount of compensation paid to each; the progress of the canal; their contemplated plans for the next three months, with an estimate of the probable amount of money that will be required to be expended for canal purposes during that time; together with such other matters and things as they may see fit to add, and also the amount, time and rate of any loan made by virtue of this act, which report, or the outlines thereof, the Governor shall cause to be published.

Sec. 44. They shall annually, on the first Monday of December, make a report to the Governor, setting forth all their acts and doings in relation to the canal, and canal lands and lots, during the previous year, in like manner as is required of them in their quarterly reports, containing such statements and estimates for the year, as quarterly reports do for the quarter.

JAMES SEMPLE,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

A. M. JENKINS,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED, February 10, 1835.

JOSEPH DUNCAN.

By the President of the United States.

IN pursuance of law, I, ANDREW JACKSON, President of the United States of America, do hereby declare and make known that a Public sale will be held at Chicago, the seat of the Land Office for the North eastern district of Illinois, commencing on Monday, the fifteenth day of June next, for the disposal of the Public Lands within the limits of the undermentioned townships and fractional townships, situate on the waters of the Illinois, Fox, LaPlaine, and Vermilion rivers, along the route of the Canal authorized by the act of Congress approved on the 24 March 1827, entitled "An act to grant a quantity of land to the State of Illinois, for the purpose of aiding in opening a canal to connect the waters of the Illinois river, with those of Lake Michigan," and excluding the alternate sections reserved to the State of Illinois by the provision of said act, to wit:

North of the base line and East of 3d principal meridian:

Township 31, of range 4.

Township 32, of range 4, except section 1 and 3.

Township 33, of range 4, except sections 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, and 35.

Township 34, of range 4, except sections 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35.

Township 35, of range 4.

That part of Township 36, lying South of the old Indian boundary, of range 4.

Township 31, of range 5.

Township 32, of range 5, except sections 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, and 17.

Township 33, of range 5, except sections 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, and 35.

Township 34, of range 5, except sections 29, 31, 33, and 35.

That part of Township 35, lying West of Fox river, and South of the old Indian boundary, of range 5.

Township 31, of range 6.

Township 32, of range 6, except sections 3, 5, and 7.

Township 33, of range 6, except sections 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, and 35.

Township 34, of range 6, except sections 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, and 35.

That part of Township 35, lying South of the old Indian boundary, of range 6.

Township 31, of range 7.

Township 32, of range 7.

Township 33, of range 7, except sections 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, and 35.

Township 34, of range 7, except sections 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, and 35.

That part of Township 35, of range 7, lying South of the old Indian boundary line.

Township 31, of range 8.

Township 32, of range 8.

Township 33, of range 8, except sections 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, and 35.

That part of Township 35, lying South and East of the old Indian boundary, of range 8, except section 35.

That part of Township 36, lying South and East of the old Indian boundary, of range 8.

Township 31, of range 9.

That part of Township 32, lying North of the Indian boundary and West of Kankakee river, of range 9.

Township 33, of range 9, except sections 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, and 35.

Township 34, of range 9, except sections 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, and 35.

Township 35, of range 9, except sections 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, and 35.

That part of Township 36, lying South of the old Indian boundary line, of range 9, except sections 25, and 35.

That part of Township 37, lying South of the old Indian boundary line, of range 9.

That part of Township 32, and 33, lying North and West of the Indian boundary line, of range 10.

Township 31, of range 10, except sections 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, and 31.

Township 35, of range 10, except sections 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 11, and 35.

Township 36, of range 10, except sections 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, and 35.

Township 37, of range 10, except sections 1, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, and 35.

and the fractional parts of sections 9, 17, and 19, lying South of the old Indian boundary line.

That part of fractional township 38, lying South of the old Indian boundary line, of range 10.

That part of township 33 and 34, lying northwest of the Indian boundary, of range 11.

Township 35, of range 11, except sections 5, 7, 17, and 19.

Township 36, of range 11, except sections 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, and 35.

That part of Township 33, lying South of the old Indian boundary line, of range 11.

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Township 37, of range 12, except sections 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, and 35.

Township 38, of range 12, except sections 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, and 35.

That part of Township 39, lying South of the old Indian boundary line, of range 12, except sections 25, 27, 33, and 35.

That part of Township 40, lying South of the old Indian boundary line, of range 12.

That part of Township 35 and 36, lying Northwest of the Indian boundary line, of range 13.

Township 37, of range 13, except sections 5 and 7.

Township 38, of range 13, except sections 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, and 35.

Township 39, of range 13, except sections 1, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, and 35.

That part of Township 36, lying Northwest of the Indian boundary line, of range 14.

That part of Township 37, lying Northwest of the Indian boundary line, of range 14, except sections 13, 15, 17, and 19.

Fractional Township 38, range 14, except sections 3, 5, 7, 9, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, and 35.

Fractional Township 39, range 14, except sections 3, 5, 7, 9, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, and 35.

Fractional Township 40, range 14, except sections 19, 21, 23, 31, and 33.

That part of fractional Township 41, of range 14, lying South and East of the old Indian boundary line.

Fractional Township 37 and 38, of range 15.

The lands reserved by law for the use of schools or for other purposes will be excluded from sale.

The sale to be kept open for two weeks and no longer.

Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, the twelfth day of February, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and forty five.

ANDREW JACKSON.

By the President:

ELIJAH HAWARD,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

NOTICE TO PRE-EMPTION CLAIMANTS.

Persons claiming the right of pre-emption to any of the aforesaid lands, are required to prove the same to the satisfaction of the Register and Receiver, prior to the day of sale.

GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

Feb. 12, 1835.

CHICAGO & VINCENNES RAIL-ROAD.

We give below the most important sections of the "Act to incorporate the Chicago and Vincennes Rail Road" entire, and an abstract of the more unimportant sections.

Sec. 1. Provides for the incorporation of the company to continue for the term of sixty years.

Sec. 2. The corporation shall have the right to construct, and, during its existence to maintain and continue a rail road rail roads, with a single or double tract, and with such appendages as may be deemed necessary for the convenient use of the same; to transport, take and carry persons or property on the same, by the power and force of steam, of animals, or any other mechanical or other power, or any combination of them, for the term of sixty years from the passage of this act, commencing at any eligible part of, or point in the said Town of Chicago, and county of Cook, and extending from thence on the most eligible route, as a majority of the directors of the company shall determine, passing through Iroquois county, Danville, in Vermillion county, Paris, in Edgar county, thence through Clark county to Palestine, in Crawford county, and thence to the waters edge on the west bank of the great Wabash river, in Lawrence county, opposite Vincennes.

Sec. 3. If the said corporation hereby created shall not within three years from the passage of this act, commence the construction of said road, and expend at least the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars thereon; and shall not within eight years from the passage of this act, construct, finish, and put in operation the said single or double rail road, then the said corporation shall thenceforth forever cease, and this act shall be null and void.

Sec. 4. The capital stock of the corporation hereby created, shall be three million of dollars, which shall be divided into shares of fifty dollars each, which shall be deemed personal property, and be transferable in such manner as the said corporation shall by law direct.

Sec. 5. John H. Kinzie, Gordon S. Hubbard, Peter Prunze, George W. Dole, John H. Murphy, Isaac K. Morris, Leander Merrill, Gideon Minor, Milton K. Alexander, William B. Archer, James C. Hillbert, James S. Otis, Wickliff Kitchell, Samuel Harris, Abner Green, David S. Boner, Arthur Bronson, and Samuel Manday, shall be Commissioners, whose duty it shall be, within one year from the passage of this act, at the cities of New-York and Philadelphia, and the Towns of Chicago, Danville, and Vincennes aforesaid, to open books to receive subscriptions to the capital stock of said corporation; and sixty days public notice shall be given by the said Commissioners, of the time and place of opening such books, in one of the public newspapers printed in New-York, Philadelphia, Vandalia, Chicago, Danville, Terre Haute and Vincennes; and the said Commissioners shall, at the time of any subscription, by any person or persons, for the capital stock of said corporation, require the payment to them by the person or persons subscribing, of five dollars towards and upon every fifty dollars so subscribed: and unless the same shall be paid, the subscription shall be invalid. And in case a greater amount of

capital stock shall be subscribed for than the sum of three millions of dollars, the said commissioners shall distribute the stock in such manner as a majority of them shall deem most advantageous to the interest of the corporation; but in case the capital stock shall not be subscribed for, then the said commissioners shall be authorized to re-open said books, at such times and places, and in such manner, and after such notice, as they or a majority of them shall direct; and whenever the said capital stock shall have been subscribed, and distribution made as aforesaid, or as soon thereafter as practicable, it shall be the duty of said commissioners to give thirty days notice in a public newspaper printed in New-York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Danville and Vincennes, for a meeting of the stockholders of the corporation, to meet at Danville, to choose thirteen directors; and such election shall then and there be made by such of the stockholders as shall attend for that purpose, either in person or by lawful proxy: each share of the capital stock, owned thirty days previous to the day on which any election for directors shall take place, shall entitle the owner or holder to one vote either personally or by lawful proxy: And the said commissioners shall be inspectors of the first election of directors of the said corporation, and shall certify under their hands the names of those duly elected, and deliver over the subscription money and books to the directors: And the time of holding the first meeting of the directors shall be fixed by the said commissioners. And the said directors shall cause such examinations and surveys for the said rail-road to be made, as may be necessary to the selection by them of the most advantageous line, cause or way, for the said road, on the route set forth in the second section of this act; and the said directors shall, after such examinations and surveys shall be made, select, and by certificates under their hands and seals, designate the line, cause or way, which they or a majority of them deem most advantageous for the said rail-road; one report, survey, courses and distances, with a certificate annexed thereto, shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of State, and one to be presented to the Recorder of each county through which said road shall pass, and recorded, filed and preserved; which line, course or way so selected, certified, filed and recorded, shall be deemed the line, course or way, on which the said corporation shall construct, erect, build, or make the rail-road as herein after mentioned.

Sec. 6. Provides that Directors shall hold their offices for one year, and until others shall be chosen; and that elections shall be held annually at Danville, on the first Mondays of June—thirty days previous notice to be given. That one director shall be chosen from the residents of each of the counties of Cook, Iroquois, Vermillion, Edgar, Clark, Crawford and Lawrence, provided the citizens of each county shall subscribe for stock to the amount of \$5,000, and that the person chosen shall own stock to the amount of \$500.

Sec. 7. Provides that a failure to elect officers in such day appointed, shall not effect a dissolution of the society.

Secs. 8. and 9. Give power to hold real estate, and enter upon the lands necessary for the line of the road, &c., and take materials to construct the same; and vests in the company in fee simple all grants of land made, or to be made by the General Government, towards constructing the work—and provides for ascertaining the value of private lands or materials which may be necessary.

Sec. 10. Authorizes the corporation to regulate the charges, &c. &c.; and erect toll houses and other buildings necessary for the management of their concerns.

Sec. 11. Provides for the punishment of persons who may obstruct, injure, or destroy any of the works, machinery, buildings, &c. of the corporation.

Sec. 12. Provides for the election or appointment of such officers and agents as may be necessary; and authorizes the directors to require payments on the stock subscribed under the penalty of forfeiture.

Sec. 13. Authorizes the construction of the

road over high ways, water courses, &c. and requires the company to erect fences on both sides of the route where it passes through enclosed lands.

Sec. 14. Provides for the intersection of other rail roads with this route.

Sec. 15. Provides the usual privileges and liabilities of corporations in courts of law, and declares the stock of the company personal property.

CHICAGO DEMOCRAT.

Chicago, Wednesday, March 25, 1835.

¶ Having received a copy of the *Canal Bill*, passed by the Legislature of this state, and knowing the anxiety which is felt by our friends here, as well as abroad, to learn what has been done, we lay it before our readers in this shape. Our limits will not permit us to go into an examination of its details, we will not doubt however that capitalists will consider the security ample for the \$500,000 loan authorized, and that the money will be obtained, and the work commenced forthwith.

We have also placed in our sheet the advertisement of the *Public Lands*, to be sold at this place the 15th of June next, and as much of the charter of the *Chicago, and Vincennes Rail-Road Company*, as we can find room for. The charter of this company is liberal, and investments in the Stock, would unquestionably be profitable.

Chicago Harbor.—We learn from a friend at Washington that \$32,800 has been appropriated by Congress towards the completion of our harbor.

¶ We invite the attention of our friends to the "Subscription List" which we have placed on the last page of our paper. We learn that proposals are out for one or two new papers, to be published here, and that they have been privately circulated with great industry in the country. The objects of those who take such an active interest in getting up these new papers, are various, but principally political. We should not allude to this subject, were not the effort to get up new papers, combined with efforts to put the Democrat down; and were not unfair, not to say dishonest and fraudulent means used to make these efforts successful. One class of persons are told that the new paper or papers are to be moral and religious papers, and have nothing to do with politics, and that the Democrat is a Deistical and irreligious paper. This, it is thought, will enlist the clergy and religious persons in their favor and against us. We complain because these things are not true, either in reference to the new paper or that of the Democrat. The new paper is designed to be wholly political, and of the Old Federal School; and if religious men and clergymen will deprecate their holy cause for such purposes, with them rest the consequences. With religion our paper will have nothing to do, unless as a general thing, but at the same time we intend that the character shall be such, that no religious man, (except those who are politically religious) shall have cause to object to it. Another class are told that it will be an opposition paper, but moderate, in keeping with many other papers in the State, while the real Simon Pure only understand that the paper is to be a thorough going federal concern. Under these circumstances, we have felt it to be our duty to apprise our friends and the public in general, of the state of the case, that they may not be imposed upon.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRES. DENT.

With the advice and consent of the Senate.

JAMES WHITLOCK, Register of the Land Office at Chicago, Illinois, from the day of date hereof.

E. D. TAYLOR, Receiver of Public Monies at Chicago, from thie date.

JAMES STEPHENSON, Receiver of Public Monies at Galena, Illinois, from this date.

SAMUEL MCKRORTY, Receiver of Public Monies at Danville, Illinois, from the 2d instant, when his commission expired.

SUBSCRIPTION LIST

OF THE

CHICAGO DEMOCRAT,

VOLUME 2, 1835.

In asking for the CHICAGO DEMOCRAT a more extended patronage and circulation, the publisher deems it proper to state the causes which have led to its temporary suspension. It is generally known that the paper used in this section is manufactured in the older States, and that it cannot be procured without great expense while navigation on the Lakes is closed. Early in the fall we had made arrangements for our supply, but winter set in, before it was received. We have since endeavored to obtain paper from various places, but have been unsuccessful. At St. Louis, there was no surplus, and the commencement of a number of newspapers in Michigan, had consumed the little at Detroit. We have thus been in the hope and expectation of obtaining paper, first from one place then from the other, until so recently, and so near the opening of navigation, that it was thought not expedient to take a personal journey to Buffalo, or Cleveland, the nearest places at which it could be obtained, for that purpose; as by the expense of the journey, and land carriage of the paper for such a distance, we could anticipate the arrival of a supply by water but a week or two at most. We trust that this explanation may prove satisfactory to our friends, and the community generally. A supply of paper will be received by the first vessels from Cleveland, and also from Buffalo, and the paper will be re-commenced immediately on their arrival, and such arrangements have been made and will be made, as will prevent the possibility of such a suspension hereafter.

With a view to render the paper more interesting and useful, arrangements have been made by which the editorial department is confided to a gentleman who is believed to be every way qualified for its duties. And the publisher pledges himself that no exertion or expense, justified by the patronage received, shall be spared, to render the paper worthy of the support of the public, and such, in all respects, as the increasing intelligence and importance of this town and vicinity demand.

The political character of the paper will be unchanged. It will give a firm and manly support to the "measures and men" of the present administration—to the candidate for the next Presidency who may be selected by the National Convention—and generally, to the principles and measures of the Democratic party of the Nation and of the State. It will advocate the preferment of men possessing a decided and clearly defined political character, and endeavor to expose that set of politicians who solicit office on the profession of one class of political principles, and practice a different in discharge of its duties. It will advocate such an association or organization by the people, primarily, as will give effect to their opinions upon all important measures affecting their interests, and to their wishes in the selection of candidates for office, and thus secure to them that influence over men and events, which they of right ought to have. It is not designed that the paper shall contain anything personally uncourteous or disrespectful to individuals entertaining different political sentiments; nor that its political character, especially while without competition, shall be offensive to such who will exercise an ordinary degree of candor and liberality.

We shall endeavor to keep a faithful Register of passing events;—and our best endeavors will be directed to elevate the moral and intellectual character of the citizens of our Town and State.—To disseminate useful information to the farmer, the mechanic, the merchant and the laborer.—To the emigrant and those in the Atlantic States, who think of leaving the scenes of their childhood, to seek a resting place and a home on the fertile lands of the Great West. It is intended that the Democrat shall not only be interesting and useful as a weekly visitor, but worthy of preservation for future reference and use.

With this statement of our intentions and arrangements, we submit our claims to the public, and ask of the kindness of our friends some little interest in our behalf. If we have not thus far come up to their hopes and expectations, it should be considered that the publication of our paper was a new undertaking here, and the past but the first year of its existence.

J. CALHOUN.

CHICAGO, MARCH, 1835.

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Fifty Cents in addition will be charged in all cases where payment is not made IN ADVANCE. Papers will not in any instance be sent to places where we have no authorized Agent, unless the subscription is accompanied by the money.

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